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#### Post-Mortem on NIE 68-57:

Probable Developments in Laos Over the Next Few Months,

### dated 20 August 1957

# I. Findings

The major intelligence deficiencies encountered in the preparation of this paper relate to the Pathet Lao. In particular:

What are the conditions in the areas controlled by the Pathet Lao?

How has the morale of the Pathet Lao forces been affected by the continuation of the stalemate?

What is the nature of the Pathet Lao apparatus for subversion in the remainder of Laos, and to what extent has this apparatus been successful?

#### II. Action

The IAC agencies are requested to take appropriate action to correct these intelligence deficiencies.

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